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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its fifty-fourth session at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 12 March 2010. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to __).

2. The session was opened by the Chair of the Commission, Garen Nazarian (Armenia), who also made a statement.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 1 March 2010, statements were made by the Deputy Secretary-General, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

5. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

6. At the 8th meeting, on 3 March, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women made a statement.

B. Attendance

7. The session was attended by representatives of __ States members of the Commission. Observers of other States Members of the United Nations and of non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system

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and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended.

C. Officers of the Commission

8. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers are elected to the Bureau of the Commission for a term of office of two years. The following officers elected were elected at the 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings of the fifty-fourth session, on 13 March and 14 October 2009, and 1 March 2010, respectively, to the Bureau of the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions:

Chair:

Garen Nazarian (Armenia)

Vice-Chair:

Takashi Ashiki (Japan)
Julio Peralta (Paraguay)
Leysa Sow (Senegal)
Roberto Storaci (Italy)

Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur:

Leysa Sow (Senegal)

D. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 1 March, the Commission adopted its agenda and approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.6/2010/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
   (a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session and its contribution to shaping a gender perspective in the realization of the Millennium Development Goals;
   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;
   (c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters.
4. Communications concerning the status of women.
5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.
6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fourth session.

10. Also at the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.6/2010/1/Add.1.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

11. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of women. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/16, the following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed to the working group of the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions:

Ms. Cho Hyung-hwa (Republic of Korea)
Mr. Nicolas Burniat (Belgium)
Ms. Kadra Ahmed Hassan (Djibouti)
Mr. Julio Peralta (Paraguay)
Ms. Irina Velichko (Belarus)